

1,000 Towns In New York Shut Schools

Shortage of 5,000 Teachers, Due to Low Pay, Forces Children to Get Education Elsewhere

Increased Salaries The Only Remedy

Commissioners of Eastern States Urge Public to Aid Move for Raises

One thousand rural communities in New York State have been forced to close their schools because of the dearth of teachers and send their children elsewhere to get educations. More than 400 schools in West Virginia are empty this year because teachers cannot be obtained. There is a shortage of 5,000 teachers in New York State alone, due to the desertions from the ranks of instructors who had opportunities to earn much more money elsewhere. Attendance at state normal schools has fallen off from 25 to 50 per cent throughout the East. The public school system of the country is face to face with disaster. These facts were brought out yesterday at a conference at the Hotel Astor attended by Commissioners of Education from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Salary Raises Declared Only Remedy

The seriousness of the situation was discussed at length and it was determined that substantial and immediate increases in teachers' salaries was the only sure remedy. Frank P. Gilbert, Deputy State Commissioner of Education of New York, spoke of the need of state aid for rural schools. In telling of the number that had been closed he said that one immediate result of this was the increase of the number of abandoned farms. Families would not stay in districts where their children could not get schooling, he declared. West Virginia plight was described as "desperate" by B. B. Sturkey, State Superintendent of Education, who said that despite the fact that the state had increased minimum salaries for teachers 50 per cent, he had seen teachers in his state had been driven from their ranks were continuing. Normal schools in West Virginia, he said, are turning out only one-fifth of the number of teachers needed. Mr. Sharkey explained, gave up his post to run a hotel elevator, because the pay he received from this work was much higher.

Jersey Women Turn to Business

C. N. Kendall, Commissioner of Education in New Jersey, said that the women in his state had been driven about by the tendency of young women to take up business rather than teaching as a career these days. Attendance at the normal schools in New Jersey has fallen off 30 per cent, he said. A program was adopted by all those present, calling the attention of the public to the situation and urging that the remedy be the immediate increase of teachers' salaries to the point where the profession could compete for members on the same terms with business. "Education," he says in part, "as the chief concern of the people, and closely to them in every social, civic and industrial enterprise, must have at once the serious attention of all citizens. The end that the competent teachers be established on such a plane as will attract into and hold in all schools, rural, village and city, competent instructors of youth; that a high standard of quality in the schools be assured; that there be suitable encouragement to young women and young men to enter upon the work of teaching; that new methods and will be retained in supervisory positions."

Citizens Called Upon to Aid

"The pressing problems of the present time, the settlement of the new states of the Union, the demand from the people that public education be not permitted to suffer any lapse, it is a paramount duty of the local communities of the state and of the nation, each in its appropriate way, to prepare forthwith to meet the necessities of a most urgent situation." Those who signed the program were: Augustus O. Thomas, State Superintendent of Schools, Maine; Payson Smith, Commissioner of Education, Massachusetts; E. W. Butterfield, Commissioner of Education, New Hampshire; C. N. Kendall, Commissioner of Education, New Jersey; Frank P. Gilbert, Deputy State Commissioner of Education, New York; George M. Wiley, assistant to state Commissioner of Education, New York; W. D. Lewis, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Pennsylvania; Walter E. Ranger, Commissioner of Education, Rhode Island; Hillegas, Commissioner of Education, Vermont; M. P. Shaw, State Superintendent of Schools, West Virginia.

Policeman Held in Jail

Sergeant Charged With Imperfecting a Revenue Officer. Acting Sergeant Joseph Sweetman, of the Sheriff's Office, police station, was held in \$5,000 bail last night when arraigned before United States Marshal Power, charged with imperfecting a revenue officer. Federal officials say that Sweetman stopped an automobile in which Benjamin Friedman and Arthur Clark were carrying cases of gin and three demijohns of whisky from Jacob G. Feldman and Clark say that Sweetman told them he was a revenue officer and that they were under arrest. He then proposed, it is charged, to settle the matter for \$500.

American Steamship in Distress 900 Miles Out

According to radio advice received in this city, Boston and Halifax, the American steamship Lake Harney was in distress yesterday about 900 miles east of Sandy Hook. In her call for help the vessel reported that her boiler room was flooded. Italian steamship Tormina, southbound from this port, and the British tanker Cadillac from Hamburg reported that they had gone to the aid of the Lake Harney.

Fleet Departure Halted By Navy Club Opening

Admiral Wilson Postpones Sailing 24 Hours and Bluejackets Dance the Night Away

Somebody quite influential (possibly a woman with the sailors' welfare at heart) induced Admiral Wilson yesterday to postpone for twenty-four hours the sailing of the Atlantic Fleet for the Southern drill grounds. Consequently there were many sailors at the opening last night of the Navy Club's new four-story home at 13 East Forty-first Street. Those who manage the club's affairs made special efforts to finish the new quarters so the sailors could have a good time before they left. They had the music of the battleship Pennsylvania band to dance by, girls plenty to dance with, and were served generously with delicacies that are not found on the ships. The hostesses were Mrs. William Hamilton, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. McDougal Hawkes, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, Mrs. Julian W. Robbins, Mrs. Hilborn Roosevelt, Mrs. Barton Hepburn, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. Charles A. Childs and Mrs. Gregory Sutton.

Swann Halted in Case of Alleged Attack on Girls

Former Police Officials, Wanted as Witnesses, Cannot Be Found, Says the District Attorney

District Attorney Swann said last night that he had been unable to find two former police officials he wants to question in connection with charges of Deputy Police Commissioner Ellen A. O'Grady growing out of an alleged attack by a "prominent man" on two girls in a Riverside Drive apartment. Mr. Swann made his announcement soon after the girl complainants and another woman witness appeared before the grand jury which is sifting the case. Mr. Swann said he had written to both the former officials, requesting them to appear at his office and tell what they knew of the affair. The District Attorney says that when two policemen went to a Wall Street office to arrest a "prominent oil man" said by Commissioner O'Grady to have figured in the alleged attack on two girls in his apartment on Riverside Drive they found there the man now missing. They are said to have informed the policemen that the oil man had gone away. Mr. Swann says that about 11 o'clock Monday morning he called up the oil man, who he said was a former official of the hotel and was told he was not at the office of the other he was told his man was in his apartment, but no one knew just where he was. From employees of the hotel it was further learned that the first man and his wife had checked out at noon Monday, just an hour after District Attorney Swann had tried to get the man on the telephone. He left no forwarding address, it was said. The oil man is said to be in Oklahoma City, Okla., with a man companion, described as a former official of the B. R. T. It was said that the oil man had been employed by the hotel and had urged the relatives of the Brooklyn girl to bring a civil action, so the matter could be settled.

Diamonds Now Fully Controlled by Syndicate

South African Minister Announces Terms of New, Exclusive Agreement

According to cable advice from the Minister of Mines at Johannesburg, the world's supply of diamonds from South Africa is now controlled through a London syndicate. The minister reports that this is the result of a conference of four groups of producers with representatives of the Union government, in which the producers agreed to supply the world's markets at a fixed price. The syndicate, De Beers, 51; Premier, 18; Jagersfontein, 10; Southwest Protectorate, 21, and the amount supplied will be based upon the actual sales of the preceding three months. The agreement was made to give stability to the market. The basic price is to be fixed every quarter and the London syndicate will pay the producers 5 per cent less than the average price obtained in the preceding quarter. Five per cent above the basic price will be paid to the syndicate, while the additional proceeds will be equally divided between the producer and syndicate.

Moran Sworn In as Clerk

Former Aldermanic Chief Takes Bronx Office

No ceremony marked the induction into office yesterday of Robert L. Moran, former President of the Board of Aldermen, who had been elected to the office by the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Moran took over the duties of County Clerk of Justice George J. Sullivan administered the oath in his private chambers in the Bronx County Supreme Court and no other persons were present. Mr. Moran, who is accompanied by his wife, succeeded Joseph M. Callahan, who resigned as county clerk to take over his new duties as justice of the City Court.

Historical "Regulars" Win

Insurgents "Revitalizing" Ticket Defeated at Society Election

Attempts of insurgents to elect their "revitalizing" ticket at the 16th annual election of the New York Historical Society yesterday, came to nothing. Results of the balloting, which was held in the society's building, 170 Central Park West, showed a sweeping victory for the regular nominees, who won by a vote of 512 to 79. Officers chosen were: John Abell Weeks, president; John Abell Weeks, William Church O'Brien, Walter Jennings and Francis Robert Schell, vice-presidents; Arthur Milton Huntington, foreign secretary; Arthur Curtis James domestic secretary; Stuyvesant Fish, recording secretary; H. Horace Gallatin, treasurer, and Robert Hendre Kelby, librarian.

\$40,000 Fire at Upton

The Red Cross Recreation House, a three-story frame structure, attached to the base hospital at Camp Upton, was burned to the ground yesterday with a loss of about \$40,000. The fire had gained headway by the time Miss L. Conway, in charge of the house, discovered it, that the fire department of the camp made no effort to keep adjacent buildings from catching fire.

Lloyd Prevost Charged With Brown Murder

Cousin of Victim's Widow Accused in Warrant With Crime on Evidence of Circumstantial Nature

Alibi Upset, It Is Said

Woman Reported to Have Given Testimony That Involves Another Man

MT. CLEMENS, Mich., Jan. 6.—At the request of Attorney General Alex. J. Groesbeck, who headed the special grand jury investigation into the slaying two weeks ago of J. Stanley Brown, a warrant was issued to-day for Lloyd Prevost, cousin of Brown's widow, charging first degree murder. Prevost has been in custody without warrant since last week. According to the authorities their investigation has uncovered circumstantial evidence which upsets Prevost's alibi. The evidence also promises, the officers stated, to involve a second man. Details of testimony taken at the secret inquiry made public to-day relate to the pistol with which the officers declare they believe Brown was shot while in his automobile several miles from here. This testimony, it was said, was given by a woman who had overheard a conversation between Stanley Prevost, a nephew of the accused man, and two companions. This was to the effect, the officers said, that young Prevost had returned a borrowed weapon to Lloyd Prevost, at the latter's request, on the night Brown was killed. This pistol, it was said, is now in the hands of the officers. The finding of Brown's money belt, in which he had been in the habit of carrying large sums, was regarded by officers as eliminating the theory that robbery was the motive for Brown's killing. The belt was discovered to-day in Brown's home by his widow.

Finley Decision Restores Powers, Says Ettinger

William E. Ettinger, Superintendent of Schools, expressed gratification yesterday at the opinion announced on Monday at Albany by Dr. John H. Finley, Commissioner of Education, upholding Mr. Ettinger and directing that the New York Board of Education modify its by-laws, from which the superintendent appealed last August. The appeal was a result of the adoption by the board last July of new laws which Mr. Ettinger contended, virtually stripped him of his powers and expanded the power of the board, causing confusion in the schools. "A hasty reading of the decision," Mr. Ettinger said yesterday, "indicates that the State Commissioner of Education has sustained virtually all the contentions raised by me in my appeal. The decision lays down with admirable clearness the general principle that a lay board of education of seven members is not empowered by the state to supersede the professional staff in matters of educational and business administration, and that the Board of Education, although clothed with great powers, must function with the Superintendent of Schools, who is the chief executive not only of the board, but of the school system. "Even though the Mayor may possibly misinterpret the opinion of Dr. Finley, I am hopeful that the Board of Education itself will acquiesce in the decision and proceed on an impersonal basis to conduct the affairs of the system in accordance with the law as thus interpreted."

Colonel House Misquoted

Senator's Statement Erroneously Attributed to Texan

On the last page of the early editions of The Tribune yesterday Colonel E. M. House was misquoted in a brief story telling about his contemplated departure for his home in Texas, where he is going to recuperate. The article stated that Colonel House had said he believed that Congress would recognize its responsibility to this country and to the world, and would meet its obligation in a way that would protect the sovereignty, independence and peace of the United States without evading responsibility. Colonel House made no such statement and did not refer directly or indirectly to the peace treaty or to Congress. The statement was caused by the addition to the statement of Colonel House a paragraph from the address of a Senator who in a speech on Monday night referred to the probable action of Congress in respect to the peace treaty. The Tribune regrets the inadvertent mistake.

Hylan Halts Caucus Action

Mayor Said to Oppose Walker as Albany Leader

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—Mayor Hylan entered the Democratic fight for the minority leadership of the Senate and succeeded in causing the 32nd session of the Albany Legislature to be adjourned without any choice being made. Hylan's entrance into the fight, according to reports, was in behalf of William Randolph Hearst, who does not want to see Senator James J. Walker elected because of Walker's attack upon the editor and his New York papers. Hylan's story goes, prevailed upon John H. McCooey, the Democratic leader of Brooklyn, to get his Senators to vote against Walker. The Brooklyn men met the Mayor half way, and while refusing to vote for Walker, they instead stood out for one of their own delegates, Senator Daniel A. Carroll.

Woman Sues Beauty Doctor

Dr. W. Augustus Pratt, who advertised himself as a beauty doctor, was sued in the Supreme Court yesterday for \$50,000 damages by Mrs. Rose Williams, whom he treated for the removal of an excess chin. Mrs. Williams alleges that Dr. Pratt cut blood vessels in his treatment of her and failed to bandage the wounds; that she suffered great agony and was compelled to go to a hospital for medical attention; and that she is still under treatment of a physician, for besides the wounds in her cheeks, Mrs. Williams says, she has suffered from the removal of her chin since being operated on by Dr. Pratt. Edward Williams, husband of the alleged victim of the beauty doctor, has also brought a suit against Dr. Pratt. He asks for \$5,000 for the loss of his wife's services during her illness.

JOHN WANAMAKER

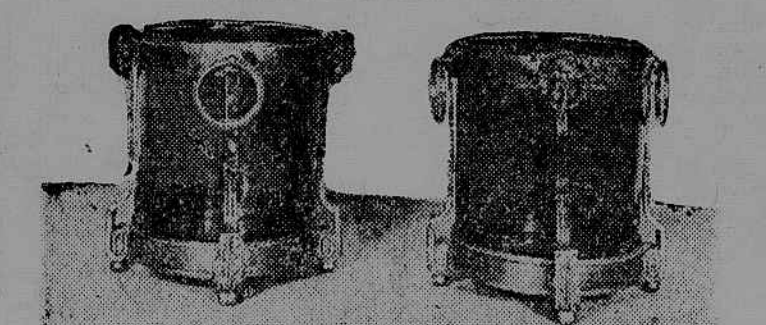
Formerly A. T. Stewart & Co. Store hours—9 to 5 Broadway at Ninth, New York

Good morning!
This is January 7!
The weather today will probably be cloudy.

An Irish Orator Once Spoke of Festival Days

as if they were lighthouses along the coast of life to give brightness and point the true way. It is almost the invariable custom of a passenger on a ship to look backward to keep the lighthouse in sight as long as possible. There seems to be something friendly in its shining lamps. Christmas and New Year's days are wonderful lighthouses, full of cheer and gladness to look forward to, and comforting to look back to. That little gift of yours touched a string upon the harp of life of your friend that will sing on for a long time and lighten the burden of life. If any one in your life has been overlooked, never mind the almanac dates, but do with diligence what is possible to mend the unintended disappointment. Let the lower lights be burning along the shores of time.

(Signed) John Wanamaker
January 7, 1920.



A pair of fine Directoire Jardinieres Au Quatrieme

Among the finest things in the collection of antique bibelots Au Quatrieme is the pair of early Directoire jardinieres photographed above. The frames are of wrought silver in a beautiful and classic design that shows strongly the Louis XVI influence. The sapphire blue glass linings are the original ones of the period.

Sets of Glass

Special attention is called to sets of glass both modern and antique in the collection of glass now Au Quatrieme. Complete table sets of modern Venetian glass. Old English glass. Reproductions of Old English glass.

Fourth floor, Old Building.

To close our biggest year—a great outclearing of Oriental rugs

1919 will go down into history as a great Oriental rug year. Notwithstanding the scarcity of good Oriental rugs we have managed, by going after them—around the world when necessary—to get stocks that have given us the largest business in our history. Now comes the reckoning time—stock taking. To clear our stocks and get them shipshape for our new year beginning Feb. 1, we offer a great clearing sale

At newly lowered prices

56 room-size Turkish, Persian and India rugs
271 small and medium size Oriental rugs and hall strips
32 room-size Chinese rugs
62 small and medium-size Chinese rugs
421 pieces in the sale
Reductions of 20 to 33 per cent.

Considering that many of these rugs were purchased over a year ago and are cheap at the regular price, this is a rare opportunity.

Owing to the low prices at which these rugs are offered none will be sent on approval and none sold C. O. D.

Name.	Size.	Grade.	Price.	Name.	Size.	Grade.	Price.
Arak—8.5 x 6.3 ft.	2275	2225	\$550	Meles—13.5 x 10.2 ft.	550	550	\$395
Arak—10.4 x 8.2 ft.	475	385	\$450	Laristan—13.6 x 10.1 ft.	585	450	\$585
Mahal—12.4 x 9.7 ft.	475	385	\$450	Mahal—13.1 x 10.6 ft.	585	450	\$585
Mahal—8.10 x 7.2 ft.	350	265	\$450	Mahal—14.9 x 11.6 ft.	550	775	\$550
Khiva—9.3 x 7.1 ft.	425	325	\$450	Mahal—14.6 x 10.7 ft.	650	550	\$550
Mahal—9.11 x 7.2 ft.	425	325	\$450	Saruk—9.10 x 7.9 ft.	950	675	\$675
Mahal—10.3 x 7.6 ft.	450	325	\$450	Kermanshah—9.10 x 6.11 ft.	850	585	\$585
Arak—9.6 x 6.9 ft.	375	275	\$450	Lepah—11.6 x 8.2 ft.	850	575	\$575
Arak—9.8 x 8.7 ft.	450	365	\$450	Saruk—11.11 x 8.8 ft.	1250	875	\$875
Mahal—9.8 x 7.1 ft.	450	325	\$450	Saruk—12.7 x 8 ft.	1250	975	\$975
Khiva—10.11 x 8.4 ft.	450	325	\$450	Khiva—12.2 x 9.3 ft.	1250	1075	\$1075
Mahal—13.4 x 8.10 ft.	550	425	\$450	Kermanshah—12 x 9.1 ft.	1250	985	\$985
Mahal—12.10 x 9 ft.	650	475	\$450	India—13.6 x 11.6 ft.	650	450	\$450
Laristan—12 x 9 ft.	550	425	\$450	India—18 x 12 ft.	850	650	\$650
Khiva—10.8 x 8 ft.	550	425	\$450	Saruk—16.5 x 11.3 ft.	1850	1500	\$1500
Mahal—11.10 x 8.8 ft.	650	475	\$450	Qashak—17.8 x 13.2 ft.	695	475	\$475
Ourfa—13.9 x 10.4 ft.	550	395	\$450	India—22 x 14.10 ft.	1250	833	\$833
Arak—11.10 x 9.5 ft.	875	725	\$450	Serapi—18.10 x 12.9 ft.	1250	840	\$840

25 Turkish and Persian mats—3.1 x 1.7 ft. to 3.10 x 1.9 ft.—\$20 to \$35 grades at \$15 to \$22.50.

29 pairs of Shiraz saddle bags—average size 4.6 x 2.3 ft.—\$30 to \$40 grades at \$25 and \$30.

44 Beloochistan rugs—4.7 x 3.2 ft. to 5 x 3.2 ft.—\$55 to \$67.50 grades at \$39.50 and \$49.50.

50 Persian Mossoul rugs—4.10 x 3 ft. to 6.5 x 3.2 ft.—\$75 to \$87.50 grades at \$57.50 to \$67.50.

41 Khiva Bokhara rugs—5.7 x 3.3 ft. to 7.1 x 3.5 ft.—\$110 grade at \$79.

19 fine Persian Sarouk rugs—average size 5 x 3.5 ft.—\$200 to \$300 grades at \$150 to \$225.

30 fine antique and modern Persian strips—8.3 x 2.10 ft. to 19.8 x 2.1 ft.—\$75 to \$350 grades at \$50 to \$250.

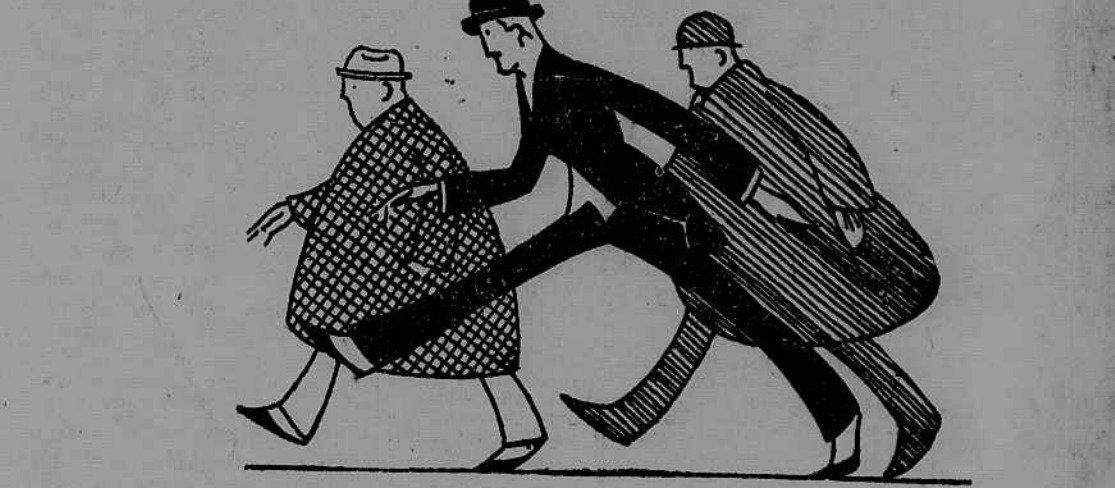
42 Royal Bokhara rugs—3.4 x 2.4 ft. to 5.4 x 3.5 ft.—\$75 to \$105 grades at \$55 to \$125.

"All Sales-Records Broken"

Such was the result last night when the John Wanamaker Annual Winter Sale of Men's Clothing closed its first day.

The largest volume of men's clothing sales in any one day in the 59 years of the Wanamaker institution.

The largest one day's sales of men's clothing, we believe, in the history of any retail store in the world.



An eye-witness tells the story—

"Be here when the sun rises," read the Clothing Sale announcement in the papers. I was there. I had never seen a Wanamaker sale before. 8510 garments in one place were more than I could visualize. It was with almost a skeptical attitude that I entered the store by the subway entrance. The first suggestion of anything unusual was when I was entering the vestibule, quite innocent of any attempt to rush, when a couple of perfectly rational looking fellows pushed by me and made the door first. I actually got a mild thrill. Here it was round the sun-rising hour all right and what I had regarded as a charming touch of artistic suggestiveness in the announcement was being enacted to the letter. I hurried along two steps at a time and mounted the stairway leading from the Downstairs Store into the Men's Clothing Section. Still I wasn't even convinced and couldn't quite understand why all the hurry at that early hour. I half bounded onto the clothing floor and could hardly believe my eyes. A crowd at 7:30 was something entirely new to me. Big occasions and doing things in a big way are what I had been brought up on, for in my 14 years of very intimate work with the greatest store in the British Empire and one of the biggest institutions in the world, I secretly believed that I had experienced the last word in efficient organization and achievement of better service. I frankly confess I was delightfully thrilled for the whole scene was so unexpected. Here were positively hundreds of men of the very best type—an alert, intelligent, intellectual class—a gathering of the nearest to the picture I had in my mind of the real American that I have yet seen in New York. Hardly a sound, no confusion, no fuss. Everything was remarkably quiet. Yet there were at the very least 300 customers and 150 salesmen at that floor alone. To a comparative stranger the whole affair was amazing. Big sales to my mind developed hustle and excitement, and more or less confusion. This was a brand new experience. I looked for some explanation. Here each salesman was at his

And another man's story—

Somebody shouted: "Open the Door." 7:30 A. M., Tuesday morning. At the corner of Fourth Avenue and Ninth Street. It was there—and hundreds of others. And when the doors swung open I realized that I was NOT the only man who had missed part of his breakfast. My friend (of a few minutes), who was busily engaged trying on a 48 stout suit, insisted that he should have immediate service because he had traveled from Jersey. Another man from Long Island felt the same way. But I, from the hills of Westchester, had a suspicion that distance lent no enchantment to the question of serving a crowd of eager men. I always expect enthusiasm when I go to a Wanamaker winter clothing sale. Consequently, I refused to be stampeded. Somebody told me that there were more men in the clothing section yesterday than ever before in the history of the store. I believe it. I saw the evidence. In truth, I felt the evidence. But say—It does a man good to get into a

Yes, the news travels, and today another crowd will be here for the second day

The sale offers \$481,543 of suits and overcoats for \$362,439—a saving of \$119,104—so, even with the enormous selling of yesterday, there is still an assortment larger than will be found in the ordinary clothing store.

Fancy suits—\$48.50, \$36.50, \$33.50, \$28.50
Overcoats and Ulsters—\$54.50, \$44.50, \$36.50, \$33.50, \$24.50

Main Floor, New Building—Burlington Arcade, 9th Street and Fourth Avenue; and in the Corner Store, Broadway Corner of Eighth.